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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING DRIVER LICENSING STANDARDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) As used in section 2 of
2 this act, the term "full legal name" means the most complete version of
3 the name that appears on a person's certificate of birth, official
4 passport or other document or documents accepted by the
5 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to verify the person's identity, unless
6 the person presents a marriage license or certificate, a certificate of civil
7 union, a divorce decree or an order of a court of competent jurisdiction
8 pertaining to a permanent change of the person's name.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) Each motor vehicle
10 operator's license issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in
11 accordance with section 14-36 of the general statutes and each identity
12 card issued by said commissioner in accordance with section 1-1h of
13 the general statutes shall contain the following: (1) The person's full
14 legal name, as defined in section 1 of this act; (2) the person's date of
15 birth; (3) the person's gender; (4) the person's height and eye color; (5)
16 the person's assigned operator's license or identity card number; (6) the
17 person's address of principle residence in this state; (7) the person's

18 signature; and (8) the person's color photograph or digital image.

19 (b) The commissioner shall provide that each such license or
20 identity card document contains physical security features designed to
21 prevent tampering, counterfeiting or duplication of the document.

22 (c) Each such document shall also contain one or more machine-
23 readable technology feature or component, including, but not limited
24 to, a bar code or magnetic strip.

25 Sec. 3. Section 14-36d of the general statutes is repealed and the
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

27 (a) [Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section and
28 subject to the provisions of section 14-41, the commissioner shall issue
29 a motor vehicle operator's license containing a picture of the licensee.
30 The license shall be of such form and content as the commissioner may
31 prescribe and shall be signed by the licensee.] The commissioner may
32 acquire, by lease or purchase, and install at offices of the Department
33 of Motor Vehicles and at such other locations where operator's licenses
34 are issued or renewed, such equipment as may be necessary to carry
35 out the provisions of this [section] chapter.

36 [(b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon the first
37 issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to any person less than
38 twenty-one years of age, issue a license containing a picture of the
39 licensee. Such license shall indicate the date of such person's twenty-
40 first birthday, be of such form and content as the commissioner may
41 prescribe and be signed by the licensee.]

42 [(c)] (b) The commissioner may [issue a temporary license without a
43 picture of the licensee to out-of-state applicants, to members of the
44 armed forces and in such other situations as the commissioner finds
45 necessary, provided a temporary license shall be valid only until the
46 applicant has had time to appear and to have his picture taken and a
47 license containing his picture issued] provide for the renewal of any

48 motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's license or identity
 49 card without personal appearance of the license holder, in
 50 circumstances where the holder is a member of the armed forces, is
 51 temporarily residing outside of this state for business or educational
 52 purposes, or in other circumstances where, in the judgment of the
 53 commissioner, such personal appearance would be impractical or pose
 54 a significant hardship. The commissioner shall decline to issue any
 55 such renewal without personal appearance if the commissioner is not
 56 satisfied as to the reasons why the applicant cannot personally appear,
 57 if the commissioner does not have the applicant's color photograph or
 58 digital image on file, if satisfactory evidence of the identity of the
 59 applicant has not been presented, or if the commissioner has reason to
 60 believe that the applicant is no longer a legal resident of this state.

61 (c) The commissioner may adopt regulations to provide for the
 62 renewal of the motor vehicle operator's license, commercial driver's
 63 license or identity card of any person not identified in subsection (b) of
 64 this section by mail or by electronic communication with the
 65 Department of Motor Vehicles.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	14-36d

Statement of Purpose:

To maintain the integrity of the Department of Motor Vehicles' processes for issuing operator's licenses.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]